

# Warwick Historic District Commission

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Warwick City Hall  
3275 Post Road  
Warwick, Rhode Island 02886

## **Meeting Minutes Wednesday, April 20, 2016 Planning Department Conference Room Second Floor, City Hall Annex**

The following Commission members were in attendance:

Ms. Donna Tobin, Chair  
Ms. Ginny Leslie, Vice Chair  
Mr. Maxwell Pounder  
Mr. William McQuade  
Ms. Carol Pratt  
Mr. Barry O'Brien

The following Commission member was absent:

Ms. Jennifer Siciliano

The following staff members were present:

Sue Baker, Warwick Planning Department

The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson at 6:02 p.m.

### **Petition #16-292-376**

**Commercial  
18 Post Road  
Pawtuxet Village**

The Petitioner, Nora Alexander, co-owner of Noon Designs, was present. They recently relocated their store from Providence to Pawtuxet Village. She is seeking permission to attach a wooden "Noon" sign on the front of the building. The sign will not be illuminated. Placement will be on the right side, above the front window. A green leaf design will be painted onto the building, above and centered over the "O"s in "Noon." Each letter will be 17 inches tall. The entire sign will be just under six (6) feet long, with letters 1 (one) inch deep.

Commissioner Pounder inquired whether the Petitioner had considered painting the building a different color, as he felt that the black was out of character with the period of the building. Ms. Alexander stated that the color wasn't necessarily their first choice, but they weren't opposed to it. She did understand the Commissioner's point, however. They have a three-year lease with the property owner and perhaps in the future a different color could be considered.

Commissioner Leslie made a motion to approve the petition as submitted, citing Secretary of the Interior Standard #9. Commissioner Pratt seconded the motion.

All voted in favor; none were opposed.

**Petition #16-292-315**  
**Residential**  
**Seven Lawn Avenue**  
**Pawtuxet Village**

The Petitioner, Ms. Jennifer Turner Jacobson, was present, together with Mr. Wayne Pimental, the project designer.

Ms. Jacobson explained that she and her husband are seeking permission to convert an existing left-side entry deck into a new mud-room and construct a new entry deck in front of the mud-room. The deck will not extend beyond the existing house walls, and the new mud-room and deck are to have a slate roof over them. With a minimum pitch of 4 and 12, it may be necessary to reduce the size of an existing window; however, the width and style would be maintained. Latticework will be maintained to match the existing residence.

The intent is that the new addition will match the existing house with siding and trim details. The porch shall have shingled column support, beadboard ceiling and mahogany decking, with 2/1 windows to match the existing and a new 12-lite door with 4-lite sidelights. Dimensions of the mud-room are 6'6" x 12'6" (81 sf) and porch 4' x 12'6" (50 sf). An interior wall will be removed.

Discussion took place regarding how far the addition will extend out toward the driveway. Discussion also took place relative to the proposed windows and the new entryway door, and its keeping with the current design of the house. The Petitioner explained that they would be open to suggestions; however, the door is designed to let as much natural light into the residence as possible.

Discussion also ensued relative to the roof. Mr. Pimental explained that they would also like to install snow guards on the existing upper roof.

Commissioner Leslie made a motion to amend the Petition to allow for the installation of snow guards as well. Commissioner McQuade seconded the motion. The amendment was approved 6-0; none were opposed.

Commissioner McQuade then made a motion to approve the full petition, in conformance with information submitted and testimony, citing Secretary of the Interior Standard #9. Commissioner Pratt seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none were opposed.

**Petition #16-274-204**  
**Pontiac Mill Water Tower**  
**334 Knight Street**  
**Pontiac Village**

This Petition has been continued from the February 17, 2106 meeting.

Petitioner is seeking modifications to previously-approved Petition #10-274-180, 204; specifically, to swap three (3) panel antennas and add three (3) radios located behind the antennas.

Ms. Baker explained that representatives from American Tower had requested that the Petition be continued to the May 18, 2016 meeting. Commissioner Leslie motioned to continue the petition. Commissioner McQuade seconded. All voted in favor; none opposed. The motion to continue passed 6-0.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**1.) Approval of meeting minutes:**

- **Wednesday, May 20, 2015**  
Commissioner Pratt motioned to accept the minutes. Commissioners McQuade and Leslie seconded. All voted in favor, with Commissioner Tobin abstaining; none opposed.
- **Wednesday, June 17, 2015**  
Commissioner O'Brien motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Commissioner McQuade. All voted in favor, with Commissioners Leslie and Pounder abstaining; none opposed.
- **Wednesday, December 16, 2015**  
Commissioner Pratt motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Commissioner McQuade. All voted in favor, with Commissioner O'Brien abstaining; none opposed.
- **Wednesday, February 17, 2016**  
Commissioner Pounder motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Commissioner O'Brien. All voted in favor, with Commissioners Pratt and Leslie abstaining; none opposed.
- **Wednesday, March 16, 2016**  
Vote continued until the May 18, 2016 meeting due to lack of quorum of Commissioners who were present at the March meeting.

Ms. Baker then informed the Commission that four members' reappointments had been approved by the Warwick City Council at its April 4, 2016 meeting: Commissioners Tobin, McQuade, Siciliano, and Leslie.

Commissioner McQuade made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioners Leslie and O'Brien. All voted in favor; none opposed. The meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.